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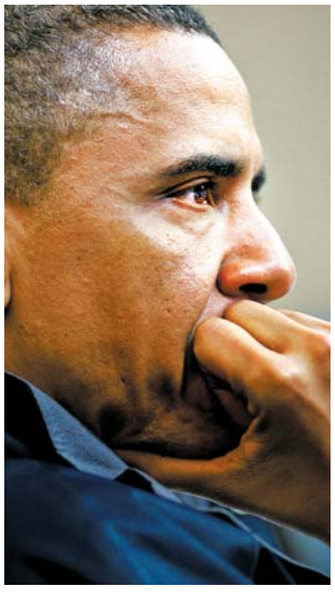

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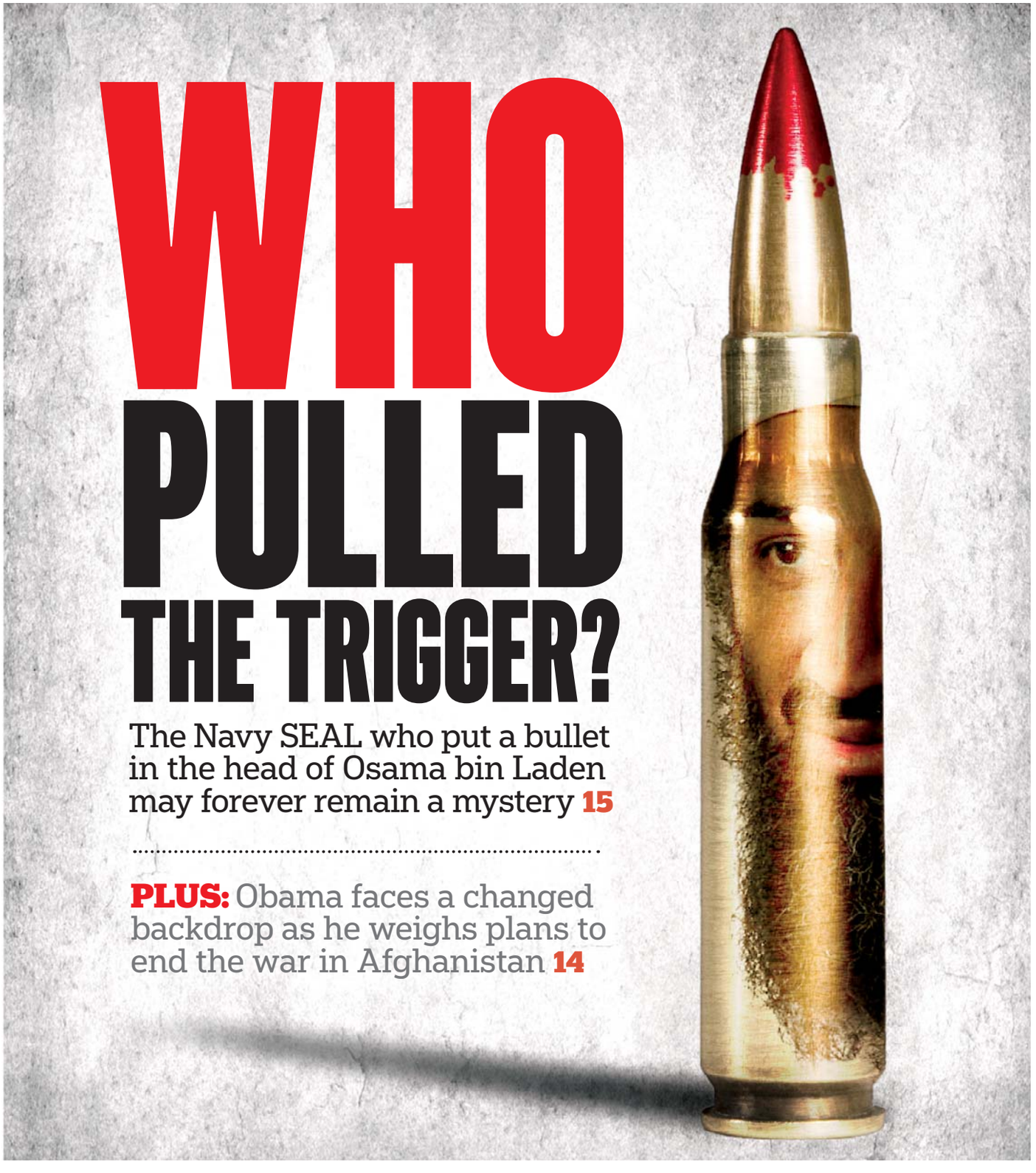

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MAN-CAVE DECORATING IDEAS

'Gary, Those Antlers Would Perfectly Complement Your Hokies Shot Glass Collection'

Pittsburgh police say two exhibition workers stole two massive sets of elk antlers after the National Rifle Association's annual meeting. Gary Felts, 46, and Stephen Lee, 44, abducted the antlers Sunday night. An onlooker reported the theft, and the men were detained on a sidewalk outside with the antlers, valued at more than $500,000. **(AP)**

"I spent my first five minutes crying, and then I couldn't get it off fast enough."

— **GARY WEDDLE,** AN EAST WENATCHEE, WASH., MAN WHO SWORE NEARLY 10 YEARS AGO THAT HE WOULD NOT SHAVE HIS BEARD UNTIL OSAMA BIN LADEN WAS CAPTURED OR PROVED DEAD, REPORTED THE DAILY ASTORIAN NEWSPAPER.

NICE SOFTWARE ...

... That's What She Said

University of Washington scientists have written software that recognizes "that's what she said" joke fodder, New Scientist reported. The Double Entendre via Noun Transfer (DEviaNT) program predicts when it's funny to follow a statement with the famous phrase. Two researchers analyzed more than 1.5 million sentences, giving words like "rod" and "meat" "high sexiness" scores, then used the data to train DEviaNT. **(EXPRESS)**

The Big Picture

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BAND GEEKS: A ceremonial fife and drum corps marches through the Capitol Rotunda on Capitol Hill on Tuesday for the unveiling of a statue of former president Gerald R. Ford, inset. **(AP)**

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PHOENIX

Lawyers: Focus on Race Affected Ariz. Sweeps

Records released in a lawsuit alleging racial profiling in immigration patrols conducted in Arizona's Maricopa County show that some sheriff's deputies circulated emails that repeated stereotypes about Mexicans. The sheriff's office says people pulled over were approached because deputies had probable cause to believe they had violated a law. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Veterans Affairs Expands Its Caregiver Program

The Veterans Affairs Department reversed course Tuesday and said it will make sure more caregivers of severely disabled Iraq and Afghanistan veterans can receive the support they need to help their wounded relatives. Now, about 3,500 families will be eligible. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Santorum Takes Step Toward Presidential Bid

Santorum

Former senator Rick Santorum said Tuesday he had established a presidential exploratory committee and would participate in Thursday's debate in South Carolina, an early presidential nominating state. (AP)

Obama's Quick Ratings Boost

President experiences approval jump after killing of bin Laden

Washington

In the immediate aftermath of the targeted killing of Osama bin Laden, President Obama's approval rating has jumped higher, with big increases in the number of Americans giving him high marks on dealing with terrorism and the situation in Afghanistan.

But the new poll, conducted Monday evening by The Washington Post and the Pew Research Center, also finds virtually no movement in Obama's numbers when it comes to handling the economy. That suggests that success on one front — even one as important as the death of the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — might not translate easily to other areas.

Overall, 56 percent of those polled say they approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president, an increase of nine percentage points over April polls by Post-ABC News and Pew. That is the highest approval rating for the president in either poll since 2009.

More than three-quarters of all Americans say the president deserves credit for the killing of the bin Laden in Pakistan on Sunday. Among Republicans, 61 percent say Obama deserves at least some credit for the move. But just 17 percent of them say he deserves a "great deal" of credit for bringing bin Laden to justice after a nearly 10-year pursuit by U.S. intelligence and military forces.

Republicans are more apt to give former president George W. Bush acclaim for killing bin Laden, with 81 percent saying he deserves at least some of the credit for what happened Sunday. Only 35 percent of Democrats share that view, with a slender 4 percent giving the former president a lot of credit.

How long Obama's improved ratings will last is, of course, an open question. The fact that there was no movement in Obama's approval on the economy — still the top issue by far in the country — offers a reminder of the challenges that remain for the White House. JON COHEN AND DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

A poll says 56 percent of Americans approve of President Obama's handling of his job.

More Now Predict Afghan War Success

The number of Americans who see success ahead in Afghanistan has spiked since Osama bin Laden was killed Sunday in Pakistan, but few see the news as an end to the threat of terrorism facing the U.S., according to a new poll by The Washington Post and the Pew Research Center. Nearly seven in 10 see the U.S.'s killing of bin Laden as a boost to the long-term security of the country, but barely one in five sees it as a big help. Nearly half of all Americans — 46 percent — say they're more confident in the U.S. mission in Afghanistan as a result of bin Laden's death. About 48 percent of Americans say U.S. troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan "as soon as possible." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Match Made in Heaven: Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said Tuesday that it would work with German manufacturer ZLT Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik to build three new blimps beginning in 2013. The first new blimp will go into operation in 2014. "An event isn't considered truly special unless the Goodyear blimp is there to provide aerial coverage," said Richard J. Kramer, Goodyear chairman, CEO and president. (AP)

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New Voting-Age Majority

Census: Americans 45, older have more influence in elections

Washington

For the first time, Americans 45 and older make up a majority of the voting-age population, giving older Americans wider influence in elections as the U.S. stands divided over curtailing Medicare and other benefits for seniors.

Along with the information about the growing influence of older adults, preliminary census estimates also show a decline in the number of married couples with children, slight growth in household size and a rapid rise in the number of Mexicans.

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The number of Americans who are 45 or older and who make up 51 percent of the voting-age population, with Americans 55 and older representing the bulk of that group, according to census figures. (AP)

The findings offer a preview of trends that will be detailed in the next round of 2010 census results being released this month that focus on age, household relationships and racial subgroups.

As a whole, the numbers point to a rapidly graying nation driven largely by the nation's 78 million baby boomers, who are now between the ages of 46 and 65 and looking ahead to retirement.

"Boomers have now crossed the line between thinking about Medicare and Social Security as an issue for their parents, to being worried about it for themselves," said William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution who did a broad analysis of available census data. "More so than their parents, boomers face increasing costs of medical care and the risk that government pensions will need to substitute for downturns in their 401(k) plans.

"Their interest in the viability of Medicare should be priority one for politicians seeking office, especially in aging regions of the country," he said. **HOPE YEN (AP)**

Mo. Levee Blast Eases Flooding Threat to Ill. Town

JEFF ROBERSON/AP

FLOODWATERS SURROUND HOMES IN PINHOOK, MO., on Tuesday after the Army Corps of Engineers blew a two-mile hole into the Birds Point levee Monday night in southeast Missouri, flooding 130,000 acres in Missouri's Mississippi County in an effort to protect nearby Cairo, Ill. But the demolition project did nothing to ease the risk of more trouble downstream, where the river is expected to rise to its highest levels since the 1920s in some parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

$25M **The amount** that BP's subsidiary in Alaska has agreed to pay as part of a settlement for spilling more than 200,000 gallons of crude oil from company pipelines on the North Slope in 2006. **(AP)**

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Officials Try to ID Body in L.A. Home

Decomposing corpse may be that of former actress Yvette Vickers

Los Angeles

Former Playboy playmate and B-movie actress Yvette Vickers kept to herself and tended her flowers on a quiet, tree-lined street perched above Beverly Hills that actors, producers and writers call home.

So it came as a shock when neighbors learned a badly decomposing body had been in the home for several months to a year.

"There is a feeling of safety on this street," said Terri Cheney, an author and entertainment attorney who has lived there since 1994. "You don't feel like that would happen here — someone being neglected like that."

It was still unknown whether it was the body of Vickers, who appeared in "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman," "Attack of the Giant Leeches" and other cult films of the 1950s.

It could take a week to determine the identity, coroner's Lt. Cheryl MacWillie said Tuesday.

Cheney, 51, said she didn't know Vickers had been an actress or was a Playboy magazine Playmate in July 1959. Cheney only said hello to Vickers a few times. "She seemed lovely," Cheney said. "She went with the house, it was a little bit unusual. It has a fairy-tale kind of charm to it." GREG RISLING (AP)

Backstory

Born Yvette Vedder on Aug. 26, 1928, in Kansas City, Mo., Yvette Vickers attended the University of California, Los Angeles, before discovering acting and leaving school to pursue it. Her first film role was as a giggling girl in "Sunset Boulevard" in 1950. In 1957, she appeared in the James Cagney-directed, "Short Cut to Hell," but it flopped and she turned to B-movies. (AP)

Group Checkups Gain Popularity

Washington

Wait a minute, Doc. You want me to share my appointment with 10 other patients? Group appointments aren't just for psychotherapy anymore. Put diabetes, high blood pressure and maybe even Parkinson's disease on the list.

Shared checkups aim to help patients who are battling certain chronic diseases, and they're far from the typical 15-minute office visit. They're stretched over 90 minutes or even two hours, offering more time to quiz the doctor about concerns, learn about managing the disease and get tips from fellow patients.

A neurologist even found he learned more about how his Parkinson's patients were faring by watching them interact with others than when he had them one-on-one.

It's a small but slowly growing trend that promises to get more attention with the tight supply of primary care physicians. (AP)

"This is a new way of delivering health care. People are thirsting for better ways."

— DR. RAY DORSEY, ON THE PILOT STUDY HE LED OF GROUP CHECKUPS FOR PARKINSON'S PATIENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER.

World

In Brief

TORONTO

Canada's Conservatives Win Parliament Majority

Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Tuesday he won't shift to the hard right after his Conservatives won a long-sought majority, 167 seats, in Canada's 308-member Parliament. Monday's election marked a change in the country's political landscape, as opposition Liberals and Quebec separatists suffered a punishing defeat. (AP)

PARIS

Voice Recorder From Air France Crash Found

French investigators on Tuesday recovered a missing Air France cockpit voice recorder from the Atlantic Ocean, a key discovery that may help determine what caused the June 1, 2009, crash of Flight 447, which killed all 228 people on board en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris. The plane's flight-data recorder was pulled out on Sunday. (AP)

Suspicion, Doubt in Abbottabad

Bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan drew residents' intrigue

Abbottabad, Pakistan

When a woman involved in a polio vaccine drive turned up at Osama bin Laden's hideaway, she remarked to the men behind the high walls about the expensive SUVs inside. The men took the vaccine, apparently to administer to the 23 children at the compound, and told her to go away.

The terror chief and his family kept well hidden in this northwestern town dotted with buildings from British colonial days that they shared with thousands of Pakistani soldiers. But glimpses of their life are emerging, along with skepticism that authorities didn't know they were there.

Bin Laden found Abbottabad safe enough to stay for up to six years, according to U.S. officials, a stunning length of time to remain in one place right under the noses of a U.S.-funded army that had ostensibly been trying to track him down. Most assessments believed him to be along the Afghan-Pakistan border, perhaps in a cave.

Aside from its size, the house doesn't stand out from the others in the neighborhood.

Many of those who live nearby were unaware that foreigners — bin Laden and his family are Arabs — were living there. Still, the occupants attracted criticism.

"People were skeptical in this neighborhood about this place and these guys," said Mashood Khan, a 45-year-old farmer. "They used to gossip, say they were smugglers or drug dealers."

Questions persisted about how authorities could not have known who was living in the compound.

Police officer Nazir Ahmad said police visit hotels daily to obtain copies of passports of foreigners staying there. He said real estate agents have to inform police if they rent out property to a foreigner.

Abbottabad police chief Mohammad Naeem said the police follow the procedures strictly but "human error cannot be avoided." (AP)

AQEEL AHMED/AP

Children survey Osama bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, Tuesday.

Pakistan Under Fire

Pakistan criticized the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden as an "unauthorized unilateral action," laying bare the strains the operation has put on an already rocky alliance. U.S. legislators along with the leaders of Britain and France questioned how the Pakistani government could not have known the al-Qaeda leader was living in a garrison town less than a two-hour drive from the capital and had apparently lived there for years. British Prime Minister David Cameron demanded that Pakistani leaders explain how bin Laden had lived undetected in Abbottabad. But in a nod to the complexities of dealing with a nuclear-armed, unstable country that is crucial to success in Afghanistan, Cameron said having "a massive row" with Islamabad would not be in Britain's interest. (AP)

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World

No Signs of Relief In Libyan Siege

Turkey speaks out against Gadhafi as onslaught intensifies

Tripoli, Libya

Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi shelled a rebel supply route and a besieged opposition stronghold in western Libya on Tuesday, even as the embattled Libyan leader's international isolation deepened with a demand by Turkey that he resign now.

Turkey is a key regional mediator and in the past tried to nudge Gadhafi to meet demands for change from the opposition. However Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan adopted a much tougher stance Tuesday, saying that Gadhafi must "immediately step down."

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The number of weeks that NATO's bombing campaign has been under way in Libya. (AP)

Turkey, which has vast trade interests in Libya, initially balked at the idea of military action in Libya.

NATO said its warplanes would keep up the pressure on Gadhafi's regime for as long as it takes to end the violence in the North African nation. Italian Navy Vice Adm. Rinaldo Veri said, having disrupted the regime's ground forces on the front lines, NATO was now focusing on cutting Gadhafi's lines of communication with his troops.

The coalition bombing campaign has stymied Gadhafi's efforts to retake rebel territory, but the ill-trained and badly equipped opposition has been unable to press the advantage and make advances against government forces.

"Gadhafi must take a historic step and withdraw for the future of Libya, its peace and prosperity."

— **RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN,** THE TURKISH RIME MINISTER, SPEAKING TUESDAY IN JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL PUSH FOR LIBYA'S MOAMMAR GADHAFI TO RESIGN.

Rebels in western Libya said loyalist forces fired dozens of rockets at a road Tuesday to disrupt supplies transported from Tunisia through the rebel-controlled Dhuheiba border crossing to rebel towns in a nearby mountain area of Libya. Shelling has caused the road to intermittently close.

The Libyan leader has been fighting rebels in the east of his vast oil-rich nation since an uprising against his rule began in February. His forces control most of western Libya save for a string of villages along the western border and the port city of Misrata.

In Misrata, under siege by Gadhafi's forces for two months, fighting continued on the city's edges, where regime loyalists have taken up positions. Medics reported one dead and 22 wounded, most of them rebel fighters. (AP)

Broadening an Empire of Beer

Heineken won a $163 million bid to buy two state-owned breweries, an Ethiopian official said Tuesday. The world's third-largest brewer offered $78 million for Harar Brewery S.C. and $85 million for Bedele Brewery S.C. The Netherlands-based company wants to expand the breweries and introduce other products in the East African nation, the official said. (AP)

World

A Tranquil Display of Dissent in Sri Lanka

RANGA JAYAWARDENA/AP

HUNDREDS OF BUDDHIST MONKS HOLD LAMPS Tuesday in Colombo, Sri Lanka, during a sit-in protest to dispute the recently released findings of a U.N. inquiry into the country's civil war, which ended nearly two years ago. The panel's report gave credence to allegations that the Sri Lankan government and rebel factions committed war crimes.

$223M **The infusion of cash that Saab Automobile will get** from Hawtai Motor Group, a privately owned Chinese automaker, in a bid to keep the ailing brand afloat, Saab's owner, Spyker Cars, said Tuesday. The automaker's production has been at a standstill since April 6 due to a lack of working capital. Hawtai will take an initial 30 percent stake in Spyker in the deal, which is pending approval. (AP)

Report Finds Arctic Ice Is Melting More Rapidly

Stockholm

Arctic ice is melting faster than expected and could raise the average global sea level by as much as five feet this century, a new report suggests.

The study by the international Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program is one of the most comprehensive updates on climate change in the Arctic. The report will be released next week, but a summary was obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

It says that Arctic temperatures in the past six years were the highest since measurements began in 1880, and that mechanisms believed to accelerate warming have started kicking in.

The report also said a U.N. panel on climate change was too conservative in estimating how much sea levels will rise, a closely watched aspect of global warming.

The melting of Arctic glaciers and ice caps are projected to help raise global sea levels by 35 to 63 inches by 2100, AMAP said, though it noted that the estimate was highly uncertain. That's up from a 2007 projection of 7 to 23 inches by the U.N. panel.

Scientists are still debating how much of the changes observed in the Arctic are due to natural variances and how much to warming caused by greenhouse gases. (AP)

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The number of years that it could take the Arctic Ocean to be ice-free in the summer due to climate change, a new scientific report estimates. (AP)

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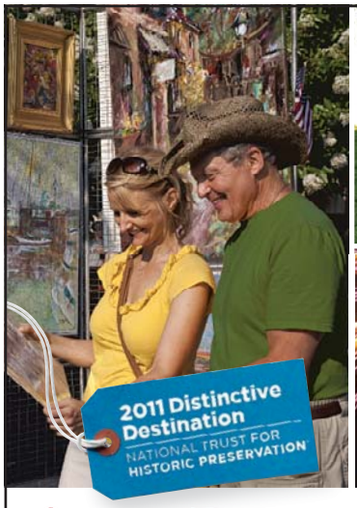

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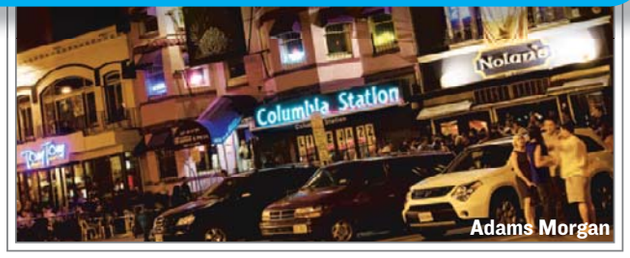

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Student Transit Pass ID Launches

Electronic card could restrict Metro access for riders from DCPS

Washington

Metro and the District Department of Transportation plan to launch a pilot program this month to move student transit passes to an electronic identification card, similar to the SmarTrip card.

The D.C. One Card will contain a chip with ID information and could be used to restrict students' access to the Metro system.

However, DDOT spokesman John Lisle said that is not the intent of the program, although the possibility exists if someone makes that decision later. Lisle said the new cards could be easily replaced if they are lost.

The issue was discussed in February during a Metro board meeting as a possible way of curtailing crime committed by young people. Metro Transit Police have said that the growth in crime on Metro's trains and buses is partially attributed to snatch-and-grab robberies committed by youth.

Serious crime on Metro hit a five-year high in 2010. Concerns have also arisen over high-profile fights by young people in the system.

> **"The D.C. One Card allows [D.C.] residents to access schools, [city] facilities [and] the Metro."**
>
> — **TOMMY WELLS,** D.C. COUNCIL AND METRO BOARD MEMBER.

The pilot program would begin in phases, first with about 500 students at the School Without Walls in Northwest Washington and expanding to some D.C. summer school students.

If the D.C. One Card program is successful, it would be implemented in phases this fall for high school and middle school students, Metro said.

"The D.C. One Card allows District of Columbia residents to access schools, D.C. government facilities and programs as well as the Metro transit system — all with the same card," said Tommy Wells, a Ward 6 D.C. council and Metro board member.

The cards already can be used by adults and children to access some city services and facilities.

The current passes allow students to travel on Metro's trains and buses for about half the cost of a regular fare. The District pays the difference. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

METRO PULSE

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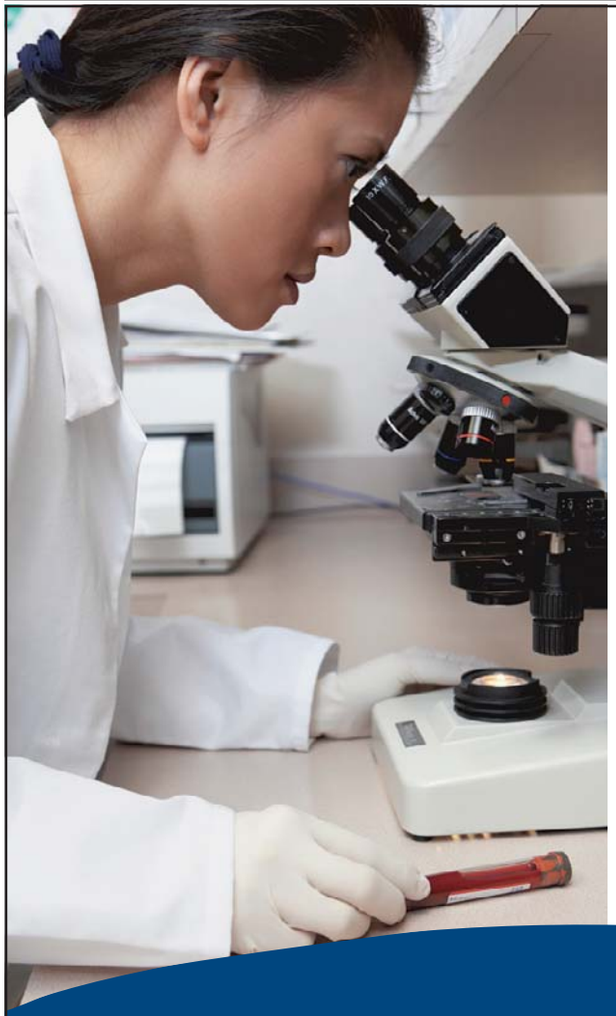

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Bag Tax for Montgomery

County will charge 5 cents at nearly all retail establishments

Rockville, Md.

The Montgomery County Council on Tuesday imposed a 5-cent bag tax starting Jan. 1, a move proponents hope will kick-start a stalled effort to pass a similar tax throughout Maryland.

Montgomery politicians were inspired in part by the District's bag tax, but they took it further by including nearly all retail establishments, not just those that sell food.

The tax will apply to both paper and plastic bags at tens of thousands of merchants. Among the few exceptions: paper bags from restaurants and pharmacy bags holding prescription drugs.

Official say the tax will raise about $1 million a year, some of which will fund free reusable bags for the poor and elderly.

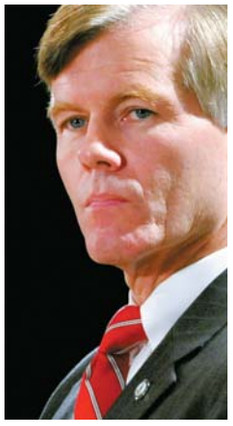
The money will also go toward water protection, though backers expect bag usage — and tax receipts — to drop fast.

"I consider this to be a nudge, not a nuisance. This nudge has profound effects on our consciousness," said council member Roger Berliner, D-Bethesda-Potomac, who was one of eight votes for the measure.

Nancy Floreen, D-At Large, the lone dissenter, called the tax a costly distraction when officials should be focused on maintaining basic services in tough budget times.

"It's just another regressive tax that creates its own set of administrative costs. ... We are adding to the cost borne by our most vulnerable populations," Floreen said. "Studies show 90 percent of plastic bags are recycled or reused." **MICHAEL LARIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Hearsay



"In today's free market, with hundreds of radio and television programs, government should not be subsidizing one particular group of stations. We must get serious about government spending."

— **VA. GOV. ROBERT MCDONNELL,** WHO CUT STATE FUNDING TO PBS STATIONS IN VIRGINIA BY $424,000 IN A LINE-ITEM VETO OF THE STATE BUDGET TUESDAY.

FLOTUS Gets Down With the Kids

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA dances with students at Alice Deal Middle School in Northwest D.C. Tuesday during a surprise visit for the school's "Let's Move!" event. The campaign is meant to help schoolchildren become more active.

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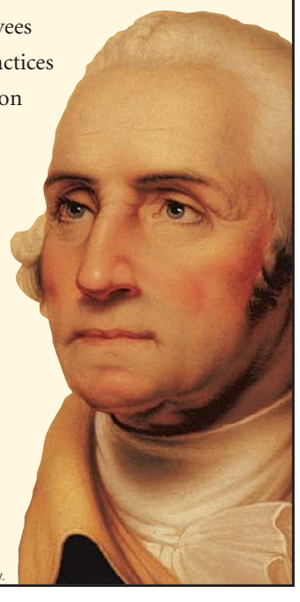

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Cover Story

The Afghan Question

Bin Laden is dead, but what does that mean for the U.S. plan to end the war?

Washington

The demise of Osama bin Laden complicates what was already a tough call for President Obama: how to wind down the nearly decade-old war in Afghanistan. Now the symbolic reason for staying in the fight — to get al-Qaeda's leader and avenge 9/11 — has been undercut.

Momentum had been building in Congress and elsewhere for a shift to a narrower, less costly military mission in Afghanistan even before the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden.

This could suit Obama's desire to put Afghanistan behind him by beginning a phased troop pullout this summer along with NATO partners. But it also could put him at sharper odds with his military commanders, who argue for a slower drawdown and a longer-term military commitment that they believe would lessen the chances of Afghanistan again falling apart.

U.S. commanders fear squandering hard-fought battlefield gains, particularly those achieved with the addition last year of an extra 30,000 American troops. They now face a spring offensive by the Taliban, whose goal remains undermining the Afghan government, discrediting its security forces and driving out U.S. troops.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., reflected a wider skepticism about remaining heavily involved in Afghanistan when he said Tuesday that he had not imagined at the outset of the war in October 2001 that U.S. troops would still be there — "with no end in sight, even after the death of Osama bin Laden."

Top administration officials have vowed not to abandon Afghanistan, even as the U.S. military role shrinks, and their central rationale is not changed by the elimination of bin Laden. They point to 1989 and the U.S. decision to walk away from Afghanistan after the Soviet occupation collapsed; chaos ensued, the Taliban rose to power, and al-Qaeda had a launchpad for global terror.

The worry is that the pattern would be repeated if the U.S. left anytime soon, giving terrorists a haven and compelling future intervention yet again.

"Nobody wants [U.S. troops] to leave and come home more than I do, but I don't want them to go back," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., an outspoken supporter of Obama's plan to keep troops there until at least 2014, told reporters. His advice to the president: "Stay with the plan you got."

Coincidentally, just one day before Obama gave the go-ahead for the nighttime raid on bin Laden's compound in Pakistan, he announced a new U.S. lineup in Afghanistan, with Lt. Gen. John Allen replacing Gen. David Petraeus as the military commander and Ryan Crocker succeeding Karl Eikenberry as the top U.S. diplomat. But Obama did not say this meant a change of war strategy.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., acknowledged the likelihood that bin Laden's death would increase public pressure to bow out.

"Some people will ask why we don't pack up and leave Afghanistan. We can't do that," said Kerry. "But it is no longer enough to simply lay out our goals. We need to determine what type of Afghanistan we plan to leave in our wake so that we may actually achieve these objectives." (AP)

BAY ISMOYO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

U.S. Marines stationed in Helmand province, Afghanistan, watch on Monday as President Obama delivers his speech announcing the death of Osama bin Laden.

AP

Pvt. 1st Class Tommy Culp prepares for deployment to Afghanistan.

"With al-Qaeda largely displaced from the country but franchised in other locations, Afghanistan does not carry a strategic value that justifies 100,000 American troops and a $100 billion-per-year cost."

— SEN. RICHARD LUGAR OF INDIANA, THE TOP REPUBLICAN ON THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AT THE START OF A SERIES OF RECENT HEARINGS ON AFGHANISTAN.

Portrait of an Anonymous Hero

Former SEALs offer a glimpse of the man who shot bin Laden

Washington

Who shot Osama bin Laden?

He's out there somewhere, an instant icon in the annals of American conflict. But an enigma, too, his identity cloaked for now, and maybe forever.

He is the unknown shooter. The nameless, faceless triggerman who put a bullet in the head of the world's most notorious terrorist.

Yet there are clues, and a bit of a portrait can be pieced together from U.S. officials. A trio of former Navy SEALs — Eric Greitens, Richard Marcinko and Stew Smith — helped us fill in the blanks, drawing from their experiences to develop a kind of sketch of an elusive historic figure in real time.

He's likely between the ages of 26 and 33, says Marcinko, founder of the elite SEALs Team Six, known as DEVGRU, that many believe led the assault on bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. He'll be old enough to have had time to hurdle the tests required to join the unit, yet young enough to withstand the rigors of the job.

It's safe to say the shooter is a man, because there are no women in the SEALs. He was probably a high school or college athlete, Smith says.

ROBERT BENSON/SIPA PRESS.

The U.S. military refrains from identifying Navy SEALs to avoid making them into targets or jeopardizing their future missions.

"This is playing in the Super Bowl and getting the Oscar all in one breath. He wants credit. But only among his peers."

— **RICHARD MARCINKO,** AN EX-NAVY SEAL, SPECULATING ON THE MAN WHO KILLED OSAMA BIN LADEN. THE SHOOTER IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PART OF SEALS TEAM SIX.

The shooter's probably not the crew-cut, neatly shaven ideal we've come to expect from U.S. forces. "You don't want to stick out," Marcinko says.

Marcinko estimates that the shooter might have made a dozen or more deployments, and chances are he's keeping score.

Smith, who served in the SEALs from 1991 to 1999, got together recently with five SEALs. "They were responsible for 250 dead terrorists," Smith says. "They know their number."

But there are terrorists, and then there are TERRORISTS. Bin Laden falls into the latter category. It's hard to imagine someone not wanting to take credit for such a significant kill. Yet naming SEALs would make them targets and make future missions difficult.

Another era's military icons were frequently publicly identified. But this is a different kind of war, and it's likely the shooter's superiors would forbid him and his colleagues to reveal his identity.

But among his colleagues, the shooter will be well-known. There are sure to be awards and honorifics, all in private. Right now, he's probably in for some locker-room-style ribbing.

"It'll be, 'If I'd have been there, it'd have been done in 20 minutes instead of 40 minutes,'" Marcinko says. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Backlash in Washington

Congress may consider cutting the almost $1.3 billion in annual aid to Pakistan if it turns out the Islamabad government knew where Osama bin Laden was hiding, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Tuesday. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she wants more details from CIA Director Leon Panetta and others about the Pakistani government's role. Feinstein spoke to reporters about the raid that killed bin Laden early Monday and the questions raised by his hiding place deep inside Pakistan. Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 House Democratic leader, said if Pakistan doesn't ease doubts about its dedication to fighting terrorists, Congress should explore whether it makes sense to reduce U.S. aid to that country. (AP)

Fog of War

Since the secret U.S. raid on Osama bin Laden's hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan, early Monday, many official details have changed. White House press secretary Jay Carney on Tuesday attributed those discrepancies to the fog of war, saying the information was coming in bit by bit and was still being reviewed. **(AP)**

WAS BIN LADEN ARMED?

On Monday, the White House said bin Laden was involved in a firefight, which is why the SEALs killed rather than captured him. On Tuesday, however, Carney said bin Laden did not fire on the SEALs. He said bin Laden resisted, but Carney offered no specifics. "Bin Laden was then shot and killed," Carney said. "He was not armed."

WAS BIN LADEN'S SON KILLED?

The White House misidentified which of bin Laden's sons was killed — it was Hamza, not Khalid. Five people were killed in the raid, officials said: bin Laden; his son; his most trusted courier, Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti, and al-Kuwaiti's wife and brother.

WAS BIN LADEN'S WIFE KILLED?

Officials incorrectly said bin Laden's wife died in gunfire while serving as his human shield. That was actually bin Laden's aide's wife, and she was just caught in cross fire, the White House said Tuesday. Bin Laden's wife rushed the SEALs when they stormed the room, Carney said, and was shot in the calf.

Sports

Rose a Slam Dunk for NBA MVP

Bulls point guard is youngest player ever to win league award

Pro Basketball

Right from the start, Derrick Rose wondered why he couldn't be the MVP. It turns out, nothing was stopping him.

Rose officially became the NBA's youngest MVP on Tuesday and joined Michael Jordan as the only Bulls players to win the award.

The news was hardly a surprise after Rose had a spectacular season in leading Chicago to the league's best record.

Rose has a ways to go before he catches Jordan, who won five MVP awards and led the way to two title three-peats, but he sure is off to a good start. In his third year, the dynamic point guard led the Bulls to their best season since the championship era.

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

Derrick Rose throws one down against the Pacers in Game 4 of the first round April 23.

Rose, 22, got 113 first-place votes from a panel of media voters. Orlando's Dwight Howard finished second, Miami's LeBron James was third, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was fourth, and Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant finished fifth.

A product of Chicago's South Side, Rose established himself as one of the top players in the league after going from Rookie of the Year to an All-Star in his first two seasons. He took another step this year with one of the best all-around performances by a point guard.

He averaged 25 points and 7.7 assists while leading Chicago into contention for its first championship since the Jordan-Scottie Pippen era. For all the groaning over the Bulls' missing out on James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in free agency, they did quite well for themselves anyway.

It all added up to a 62-20 record and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs.

He ranked seventh in scoring and 10th in assists, making him the only player this season in the top 10 in both categories. He's the seventh player in league history to average at least 25 points, 7.5 assists and 4.0 rebounds, along with Jordan, Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, Larry Bird, Wade and James, according to Elias Sports Bureau. **(AP)**

Appeals Court Sets June 3 Date For NFL Hearing

Pro Football

A federal appeals court agreed Tuesday to fast-track the NFL's appeal of a judge's order that briefly lifted the lockout.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis set a June 3 hearing, with 30 minutes of oral argument for each side, before Judges Duane Benton, Kermit Bye and Steven Colloton.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson issued her injunction stopping the lockout on April 25 and denied the NFL's appeal two days later. The league appealed to the 8th Circuit, and the same three-judge panel issued a temporary stay on Friday.

The league's opening brief is due May 9, and the players must file their response brief by May 20. **(AP)**

United Hosts Sounders

Pro Soccer

D.C. United and the Seattle Sounders may be based about 2,800 miles apart from each other, but they've developed quite the intriguing rivalry in a brief time since Seattle's inaugural MLS season in 2009. Here's a look at some of their most memorable, drama-filled games ahead of Wednesday night's meeting at RFK Stadium:

June 17, 2009: Seattle 3, D.C. 3
United battled back from a 3-1, second-half deficit to steal a road point. Christian Gomez chipped away with a goal midway through the second half before then-rookie Chris Pontius' cross was headed by Seattle defender Tyrone Marshall into his own goal with three minutes remaining to seal it.

Sept. 2, 2009: Seattle 2, D.C. 1
With United pushing its "We Win Trophies" campaign, the Sounders came into RFK Stadium and stunned D.C. by winning the U.S. Open Cup final. D.C. was gunning for its second-straight title, but goalkeeper Josh Wicks was red-carded for stomping on Sounders striker Fredy Montero after he scored the opening goal, swaying momentum to the visitors. Seattle scored a late insurance goal and held off a furious D.C. rally to claim the first of its back-to-back Open Cup championships. Current D.C. coach Ben Olsen was a starting midfielder for United that night.

OTTO GREULE JR/GETTY IMAGES

United's Luciano Emilio (11) heads a ball over the Sounders' Tyrone Marshall in '10.

June 10, 2010: D.C. 3, Seattle 2
Pontius accounted for all three D.C. goals in unconventional ways. He had one shot deflect off a defender's back and go into the goal and another slip through the hands of veteran goalkeeper Kasey Keller, and he had a header to the far post barely graze off Adam Cristman's foot as the ball crossed the goal line to give D.C. a bright moment in last year's otherwise downtrodden campaign. Pontius was originally credited with the hat trick until a scoring correction changed his third goal to an assist. The Sounders scored in the 90th and 91st minutes and nearly managed to complete the comeback but couldn't prevent D.C. from taking more points at Qwest Field. **AVI CREDITOR**

In Brief

GREG WAHL-STEPHENS/AP

Boise State is accused of infractions in its football, tennis and track programs.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Boise State Responds To Charges From NCAA

Boise State administrators say they have made fixes and issued a thorough response to violations alleged by the NCAA in its football, tennis and track and field programs. An inquiry by the NCAA identified 22 specific infractions dating from 2005 to 2010, including coaches' arranging summer housing and transportation for athletes and allowing one tennis player to compete before being officially enrolled. **(AP)**

SOCCER

Barcelona Advances, 1-1

Barcelona advanced to the Champions League final by dominating Real Madrid in a 1-1 tie Tuesday night, winning the semifinal on 3-1 aggregate as Pedro Rodriguez scored off a perfect through pass from Andres Iniesta in the 54th. **(AP)**

COLLEGE SPORTS

Pac-10 Inks New TV Deal

The Pac-10 agreed to a 12-year television contract with Fox and ESPN on Tuesday worth about $3 billion, allowing the conference to quadruple its media rights fees and start its own network. The contract will begin with the 2012-13 season. **(AP)**

Late Playoff Game

The Washington Capitals' Stanley Cup Eastern Conference semifinals Game 2 against the Lightning in Tampa Bay at the St. Pete Times Forum ended after Express' deadline. For results | postsports.com

Zimmerman Undergoes Successful Surgery

The Nationals

Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman underwent surgery this morning in Philadelphia as scheduled to repair a torn abdominal muscle.

The operation lasted roughly 25 minutes, and Zimmerman was able to return to his hotel room in Philadelphia before noon.

Dr. Bill Meyers, the specialist who diagnosed the tear Friday and performed the surgery Tuesday, "was pleased with the procedure and is optimistic that Ryan will be back playing at full strength soon," said Zimmerman's agent, Brodie Van Wagenen of CAA Sports.

GREG FIUME/GETTY IMAGES/AP

Ryan Zimmerman watches his Nationals teammates play against the Mets April 28.

The Nationals expect a six-week recovery time, General Manager Mike Rizzo said. The Nationals, who began a nine-game road trip against three National League East contenders in Philadelphia Tuesday, have gone 11-9 since the injury.

Zimmerman is confident he and the Nationals took the proper approach to treating the injury. He played with a strain until April 9, when he slid into second base against the New York Mets and the strain turned into a tear. Zimmerman tried to rehab the injury, seeing surgery as a last resort, but decided on visiting a specialist after a clear dearth of progress.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats take on their division rival, the Phillies, at Citizens Bank Park.

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., TNT) Joe Johnson and the Hawks try to steal another one on the road against the Bulls and league MVP Derrick Rose, though hobbled, in Game 2 of the second round. In the late game, the Lakers try to even their series with the Mavs up at home.

NHL PLAYOFFS (8 P.M., MASN) The Bruins take their two-game Eastern Conference semifinals series lead against the Flyers back to Boston. Then, the San Jose Sharks, up two games, travel to Joe Louis Arena to skate against the Red Wings in Game 2.

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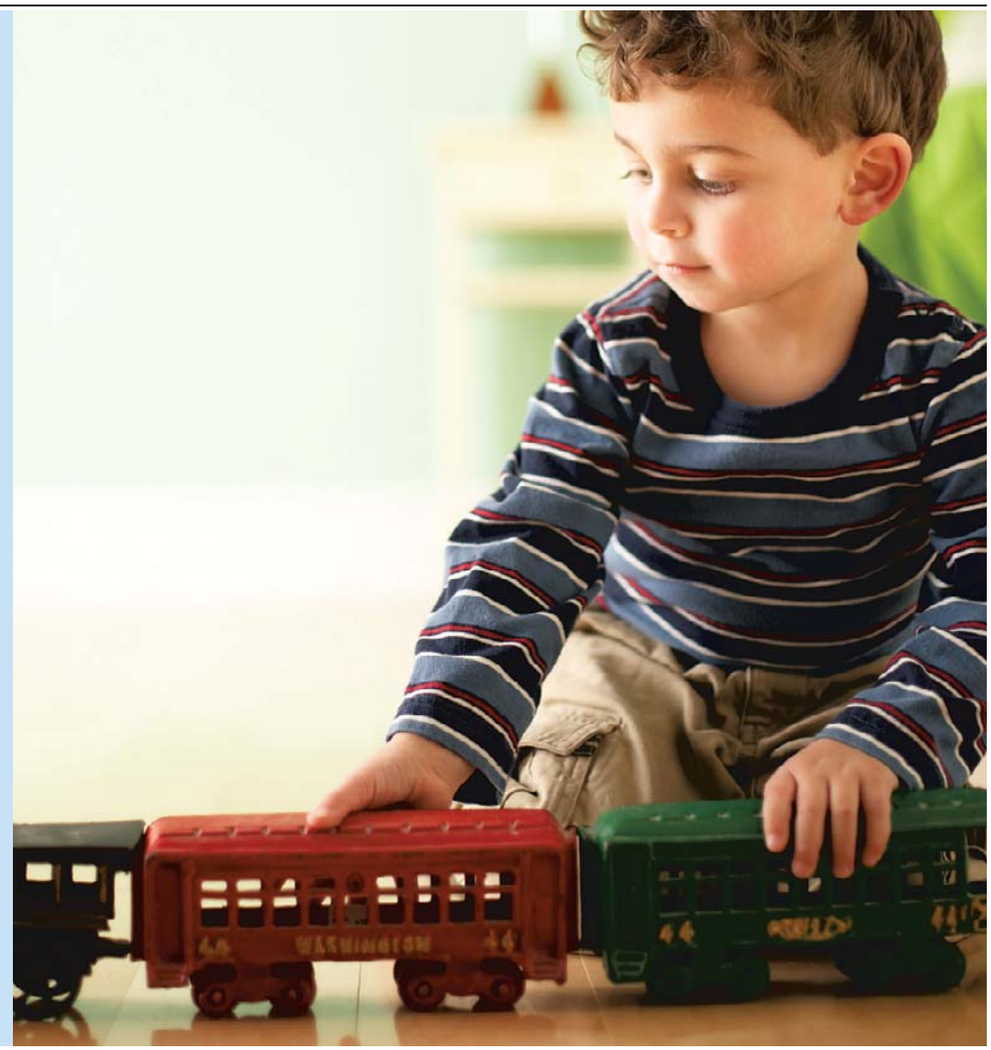

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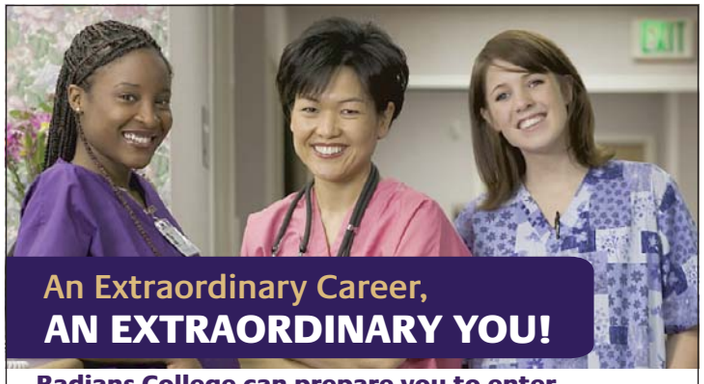

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Brace Yourself
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Amazing Grace

It's the dress that launched a million knockoffs, but we'd already seen it.

Kate Middleton walked down the aisle in an Alexander McQueen creation strikingly similar to the gown Grace Kelly wore in 1956, when she wed Prince Rainier of Monaco. Grace's dress, with its lace sleeves and voluminous skirt, is the most copied wedding gown in history.

By Katherine Boyle

The dress isn't all Kate and Grace share. Kate might as well be an American princess. Like the Kelly clan, the self-made Middletons would never be "high society." Enter the daughters: poised and beautiful commoners, and neither fashionable.

There. I said it. Grace Kelly, my style icon, wasn't particularly fashion-forward. Her clothes were boring for 1950s Hollywood. She wore white kid gloves and skirts better suited for librarians than ingénues, but, like Kate, she glowed in any garment.

London's Victoria and Albert Museum recently hosted an exhibit showcasing Grace's bland pre-princess attire — dresses sewn from Simplicity patterns, a worn Kelly bag. Even after Grace moved on to couture, she outshone the clothes. As Grace did, Kate will grow into her new wardrobe, and she'll stay the star. Icons always do.

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Weathered Reflection

Inspiration comes via contemplation on Fleet Foxes' new CD, 'Helplessness Blues'

Album Review

It's been a few years since we've heard from Fleet Foxes, but Robin Pecknold's lyrics make it seem like it's been decades. At just 25 years old, the golden-voiced frontman of 2008's breakout folk band is in full reflection mode on the band's much-anticipated follow-up. "So now I am older than my mother and father/When they had their daughter" are the first words out of his mouth on "Montezuma," the title itself a reference to a fallen empire. "Oh, man, what I used to be," Pecknold laments during the chorus over sweet, reverb-flecked guitar, as angelic backing vocals descend upon him.

'Helplessness Blues'
Fleet Foxes

It's a shift from the doe-eyed innocence of "Ragged Wood," from the band's debut, making for a darker shade of Fleet Foxes. But beams of light in the form of Pecknold's voice and his bandmates' stirring harmonies still serve as the overwhelming foundation of the band's sound. No matter the musical accompaniment — or even the occasional lack of one — the vocals remain so captivating that it'll take more than some slightly down lyrics to stop it from being an uplifting album.

"Helplessness Blues" is all forms of '70s AM gold but never gets so breezy as to become background music. The insistent bounce of "Battery Kinzie" is one of the disc's liveliest moments and seems to contradict Pecknold singing, "I woke up a dying man without a chance," but his warm voice makes it sound like a pleasant morning. Mostly, the arrangements are elegantly adorned, if not terribly inventive, but there's no point distracting from the main event. And while the eight-minute chamber-folk experiment "The Shrine/An Argument" confirms that Fleet Foxes have yet to write their "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," they still have songs that will similarly stand the test of time.

DAVID MALITZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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• DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; May 15, 6:30 p.m., sold out; 202-628-4780, Dar.org/conthall. (Farragut West)

SUB POP RECORDS

Robin Pecknold, foreground, shifts to darker subject matter on Fleet Foxes' second album.

Backstory

Sacrificing for Art

In a recent interview with Spin magazine, Fleet Foxes singer Robin Pecknold discussed the struggles he faced in recording "Helplessness Blues." "Making music can be this really self-involved, toxic process," he told Spin. The two years spent writing and tracking the album even led to the dissolution of a five-year relationship with his longtime girlfriend. "I've ended up letting [this album] define me and take over my life in a lot of ways," he added. (EXPRESS)

Cartman Would Approve: "The Book of Mormon" nabbed a leading 14 Tony Award nominations Tuesday, making the profane musical one nod short of the record for most nominations. An unlikely hit about two Mormon missionaries who find more than they bargained for in Africa, the musical was written by Trey Parker, left, and Matt Stone, right, the creators of "South Park"; and Robert Lopez, co-creator of the musical "Avenue Q." (AP)

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Compiled by Fiona Zublin. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.

top stops

1 Keep 'Em Screaming

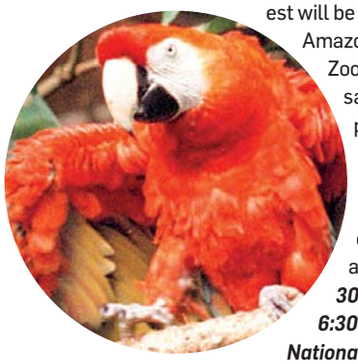
"Hell House," a haunted house run by the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Texas, doesn't try to frighten kids with chain saw-wielding clowns (AHHHH). Rather, it goes with the classic "eternal damnation" scenario, depicting scenes of people turning from God (through abortion, drugs and taking the Lord's name in vain) and ending up in hell forever. Obviously, this has stirred up some controversy, and Artisphere will screen a doc about the scare-fest (also called "Hell House," pictured left) tonight. ***Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8 p.m., $6; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com. (Rosslyn)***

2 Bring in Da Funk

In Flagranti is the closest thing we've got to a disco institution. Sasha Crnobrnja and Alex Gloor have been working together since the early '80s, creating cosmic disco funk that makes liberal use of sampling and reminds us that the roots of funk are worth returning to. ***U Street Music Hall, 1115 U St. NW; 9 p.m., $5; Ustreetmusichall.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***

3 Polly Want a Gala

The Smithsonian's periodic Mingle at the Museum events just got more exotic: The latest will be held in the sweltering Amazonia habitat at the National Zoo. Spend your night watching samba performances, sampling Brazilian-inspired food and drinks, and talking with experts about the Amazon — all while being surrounded by tropical birds, monkeys and crocodiles. ***National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW; 6:30 p.m., $40; 202-633-3030, Nationalzoo.si.edu. (Woodley Park)***



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Beasties Forever

The beloved New York rap group re-emerges with a familiar but often stellar new disc

Album Review

When a band has been around for more than 30 years, it's often because it's (A) continued to evolve, (B) been mining one song or album repeatedly, (C) developed a cult following that will pay to see it no matter what or (D) is too stubborn to go away. And if you're the Beastie Boys, you've done all of the above and then some.

'Hot Sauce Committee Part 2'
Beastie Boys

On "Hot Sauce Committee Part 2" (amazingly, only the venerable New York City trio's eighth full-length record), the Beasties' weird, wisecracking spirit shines brighter than it has in years. And if that spirit is no longer groundbreaking or even particularly original, the top five or six tracks here are on par with the band's best work.

The fat synth line that opens "Make Some Noise" rides atop a no-frills beat and announces the trio will be playing to its familiar strengths: a sinewy rap-rock concoction stirred by distinctive, overlapping voices. The band stretches the formula taut on the brawny "Too Many Rappers" (featuring Nas) and "Say It," which seesaws on creaky guitar feedback. The most effective flavoring to the core Beastie recipe, though, comes from dub: "Don't Play No Game That I Can't Win" is a scintillating duet with Santigold (and the record's best track), while "Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament" is slithering and spooky — one of the band's best-ever instrumentals.

The boys get lost a few times along the way, and the flat second track, "Nonstop Disco Powerpack," is actually cringe-inducing. But at its heart — "Long Burn the Fire," featuring a stirring turn from Adam Yauch, who was treated for cancer during the making of the album — the Beastie formula sounds vibrant, cohesive and, yeah, still saucy.

PATRICK FOSTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Beasties' weird, wisecracking spirit shines brighter than it has in years.

GETTY IMAGES

Adam Yauch, left, was treated for cancer during the making of the "Hot Sauce" CD.

Meanwhile...

Packaged with "Hot Sauce Committee Part 2" is "Fight for Your Right Revisited," a 22-minute short film that picks up where the Beasties' "Fight for Your Right" video left off 25 years ago. With Seth Rogen, left; Elijah Wood, center; and Danny McBride, right, as the young Beasties, the star-studded (blink and you'll miss a cameo) film directed by Adam Yauch climaxes with a booze-filled dance-off. (EXPRESS)

Film Beat

Turbo-Charged: Justin Lin, the director of Universal's **"Fast Five,"** is ready to gas up for a sequel, after the film's $86.2 million opening weekend. "After this big weekend, we're going forward," Lin told USA Today. "It's going to happen." The premise that fueled the series was retooled for "Fast Five," which stars Vin Diesel, left, to bring in a heist element that could be developed in future films. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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To the Tune Of Record Sales

The Warblers' leading man is showcased on a new 'Glee' disc

Personalities

Darren Criss isn't even officially a full-time cast member on "Glee," yet he's one of the most popular stars on the Fox TV show.

Criss

The actor made his debut last fall as Blaine Anderson, a gay student at Dalton Academy, to which Chris Colfer's character, Kurt, transfers after being bullied out of McKinley High.

Criss performed a version of Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream" that quickly became one of the show's most popular performances. Now, fans can get an extra dose of Criss, 24, on the new album "Glee: The Music Presents the Warblers."

What's it like to be on an album?

They're all incredible songs, so I really enjoyed them all. I worked super-hard. If people are enjoying them, I'm glad, because it's not something that I took lightly.

What would you like to see on "Glee" that hasn't happened yet?

I would really love it to start in the summer because I want to see what these kids are up to when they're not in school.

Will you release a solo album?

I was kind of at a crossroads right before I started "Glee." I was literally about to throw in the towel with acting because music was proving itself more mentally, spiritually and financially lucrative. I started a theater company in Chicago, Team StarKid, and my EP "Human" started doing really well [it charted on Billboard] and that was gonna be my life. ... "Glee" has both empowered and complicated that whole process. ALICIA RANCILIO (AP)

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CBS 9:00 **Criminal Minds** A woman is found severely injured in a North Carolina mountain town where another woman has disappeared. The BAU is called in to investigate and soon discovers there are more victims.

ABC 9:31 **Cougar Town** Jules' resolve to stop interfering in Travis' (Dan Byrd, pictured) life is put to a big test when he's faced with a major decision. Grayson tries to take an interest in Travis. The friends realize they've been taking one another for granted.

FX 10:00 **Justified** In the season finale, the quest for a missing person forces Raylan (Timothy Olyphant) to wade into a war that's erupted between Boyd (Walton Goggins) and the Bennett clan. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

ABC

MODERN FAMILY

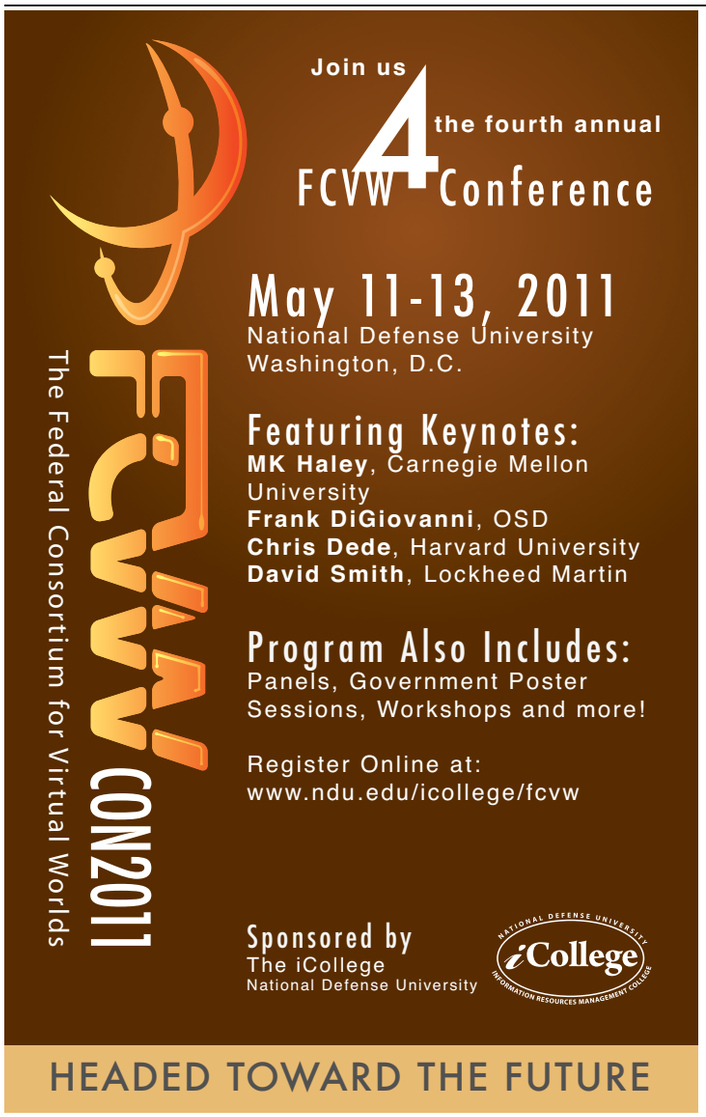
Mothers Know Best

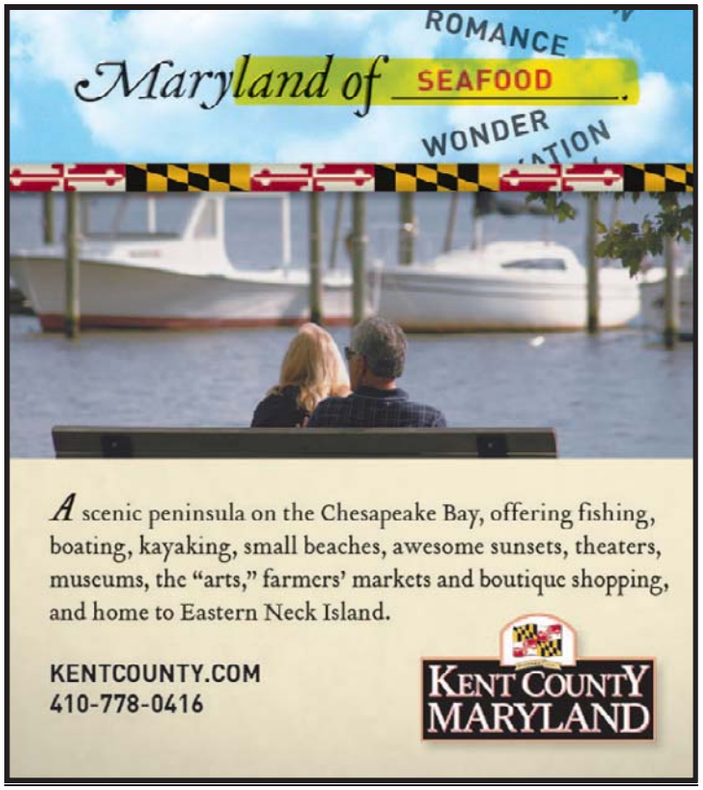
ABC 9:00 It's Mother's Day on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC), and Gloria (Sofia Vergara, right) and Claire (Julie Bowen, left) are spending it on a hike with the kids, but their complaining and arguing make for an unpleasant experience all around. That leaves Phil and Jay to share an awkward moment while preparing dinner. Elsewhere, Cameron isn't sure he wants to be the mother figure in his family. (TM)

Home Design

Trading Spaces

In "Spouse vs. House" (10 p.m., TLC), a couple receive $25,000 to make over three rooms in their home, but there's a twist: One member of the couple works with a design expert (host Ryan Brown, pictured), while the other works on the room itself. The fun lies in seeing how well their design ideals match each other's. (TM)





MELANIE ROSS/AP

Chris Kaplan-Walbrecht feeds chickens at New York's Garden of Eve farm, which takes volunteers from mid-April till Thanksgiving.

Down on the Farm

At the Garden of Eve, vacationers work for the chance to relax

Adventure

It started with an ad on Craigslist: Free holiday on an organic farm on Long Island, work for your keep, and enjoy wineries and great beaches nearby.

The farm would even supply transportation from New York City and bicycles to get around once you arrive. All a friend and I had to do was take the subway to a farmers market in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn and a van would pick us up. The entire experience wouldn't cost a penny.

When we got to Williamsburg, it was clear that these farmers were genuine and making a lively trade at the produce market. We helped load boxes after the market ended, sat in the van and took the two-hour ride to Garden of Eve, an 80-acre organic farm on the north fork of Long Island.

The farm owner, Eve Kaplan-Walbrecht, met us in the farm store and showed us the accommodations. At first we chose the rather downbeat but conveniently located garage, but we changed our minds after seeing the solar-powered wooden gazebo, with a partial-glass roof looking up at the stars. Beds are provided; bring your own sheets.

We began work the day we arrived, mowing the lawn with a little tractor and then working in the fields with the apprentices, all of whom were very helpful and gave us lots of advice.

One major caution: This is hard, physical work, and the aches will build up if you're not used to it.

After work and a shower, it's a walk or cycle to the nearby beach, which offers a magnificent view across Long Island Sound. The farm owns a beach house it rents to its farm managers, and the managers let us relax there when we weren't on the beach.

When we weren't working or at the beach, we were visiting the local wineries. My favorite, Palmer Vineyards, is within walking distance and is known locally for its rose merlot. Palmer offers wine tastings throughout the summer, as do many of the local wineries.

By day six, I had to be back in the city, so we took a ride in the delivery van after one of the best holidays of my life.

It was a workout, a vacation and a return to nature, a chance to check out wineries, stargaze and swim in the ocean, all literally without spending a dollar. The only time I used cash was one night when we ate out in one of the many authentic Mexican restaurants nearby. Try doing that in Vegas. SEAN O'DRISCOLL (AP)

Get Back to Nature

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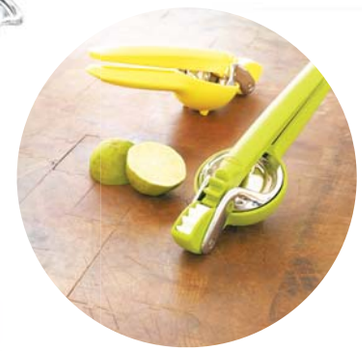
Sure, folks watching the Kentucky Derby this weekend may be sucking down mint juleps. But Cinco de Mayo — a May 5 Mexican holiday commemorating a 19th-century victory over the French that America has co-opted — means margaritas. Still, an iguana-green spiked Slurpee isn't doing anyone south or north of the border any taste favors. "Don't use a premade mix — they're overly sweet. It really doesn't take that much effort to squeeze your own limes," says Marcia Simmons, one of the editors of cocktail blog Drinksoftheweek.com and co-author of the new book "DIY Cocktails: A Simple Guide to Creating Your Own Signature Drinks" ($17, Adams Media). And ignore the rumor that good limes can mask a crummy tequila. "Go for an agave one, and you won't get that hangover you remember from college," Simmons says. We'll toast — and slurp — to that. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Glass Action
A cactus goblet won't make your margarita taste better. Go sleeker (and harder to spill) with a plastic orb ($2 each, Hill's Kitchen).

Another Round?
Satisfy a crowd by pouring cocktails from an arty pitcher ($28, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997).

The Salt Line
Add grains of salt or sugar to the lip of your 'rita glass with the Barmaid Drink Rimmer ($30, Shop.limetreecove.com).



Squeeze Play
Juice limes quickly and neatly with Chef'n FreshForce's citrus juicer ($20, Surlatable.com).

If You Must Mix
Trader Joe's tartly crisp Margarita Mixer ($2, Trader Joe's stores) tastes fresh frozen or on ice.

Flavor Spike
Add extra depth to margaritas with Tanteo tequilas infused with jalapenos, tropical fruits or cocoa ($43 each, liquor stores).

Recipe File

MARGARITA

Ingredients

- **3 parts 100 percent agave tequila blanco**
- **2 parts triple sec (Cointreau recommended) or agave nectar**
- **1 part fresh lime juice**

Directions

Pour all ingredients into a cocktail shaker filled with ice, and shake for about 15 seconds. Strain into a chilled glass. Optional: Rim the glass with salt and garnish with a lime wedge.

For a single serving, "1 part" can equal half an ounce. To make a batch that serves 10, "1 part" can equal 5 ounces.

Tips and Tricks

For a less tart margarita, try adding some fresh orange juice.

For a fresh fruit taste, muddle strawberries or mango slices with the agave syrup, then add other ingredients, shake and strain.

For a spicy margarita, muddle a slice of jalapeño or chile with the agave syrup, then add other ingredients, shake and strain.

FROM "DIY COCKTAILS: A SIMPLE GUIDE TO CREATING YOUR OWN SIGNATURE DRINKS" BY MARCIA SIMMONS AND JONAS HALPREN ($17, ADAMS MEDIA)

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Today's Question

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Tuesday's Results

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"Why? Does the public truly not trust its government that much? Do we want to inflame the Muslims even more?"

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"No. I am not a conspiracy nutcase, so I do not need to see proof."

COMMENTER ANGRY KEVIN

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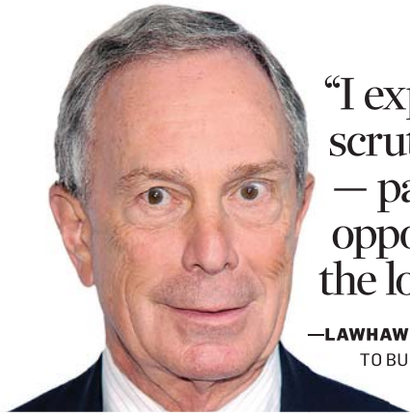
Blog Log

"I'm guessing that the vast majority would still agree that, while a color change to build more unification around red and the colors of the American flag is a good start, 'Wizards' as a franchise nickname continues to be a horrible joke and in no way should be a representation of professional basketball in the capital of the United States."

—**TRUTHABOUTIT.NET** IS GLAD THE WIZARDS WILL UNVEIL A NEW RED, WHITE AND BLUE UNIFORM COLOR SCHEME NEXT WEEK.

"He ought to be thrilled that the songs he wrote continue to mean something to people and to be played. Miley Cyrus was 18 months old when [Kurt] Cobain died, and many of her fans are even younger than she is. Yet here she is playing Cobain's song to an audience in Ecuador. That, to me, is how you take art seriously."

—**YGLESIAS.THINKPROGRESS.ORG** HAS NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POP STAR'S COVERING NIRVANA'S "SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT" AT A LIVE SHOW.



"I expect that the decision will come under tremendous scrutiny and that local politicians will demand a review — particularly those from Brooklyn who lost out on the opportunity for the factory and the jobs and impact on the local economy."

—**LAWHAWK.BLOGSPOT.COM** DOESN'T THINK NEW YORK CITY MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG SHOULD HAVE PICKED NISSAN TO BUILD AND SELL THE CITY'S NEW CABS. FORD AND TURKISH CARMAKER KARSAN HAD OFFERED TO BUILD A FACTORY TO MANUFACTURE THE TAXIS IN BROOKLYN.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be confused by certain issues that arise unexpectedly, but you have every reason to think you can sort things out very soon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's important that your day has a clear beginning, middle and end if you're going to feel satisfied and fulfilled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be afraid that you are setting yourself up for the kind of criticism you cannot currently take, but you're only being hard on yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your own expectations may lead you down a path for which you are not entirely suited. Today, you have the opportunity to make needed changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll know when you're headed in the right direction, but knowing when things are going wrong may not be as easy for you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It may be up to you, when all is said and done, to let another know that he or she really isn't right for the task at hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be unusually forgetful, and the reason isn't likely to be clear to you until you look back and see what is done and undone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're going to want to see things done in a certain way and in a certain order. You have your priorities set, and it shows.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Practice makes perfect, or so they say — and in your case, it may well be true. You can expect it to take some time, however.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You and a friend may not be after the same things right now, but that's no reason to think that you must part ways and follow separate paths.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will want someone to remind you of what is most important, as you will otherwise be immersed in issues that are only secondary.

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Yesterday's Solution

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F4	A1	R1	T1	H4	E1	R1	RACK 3 =	71
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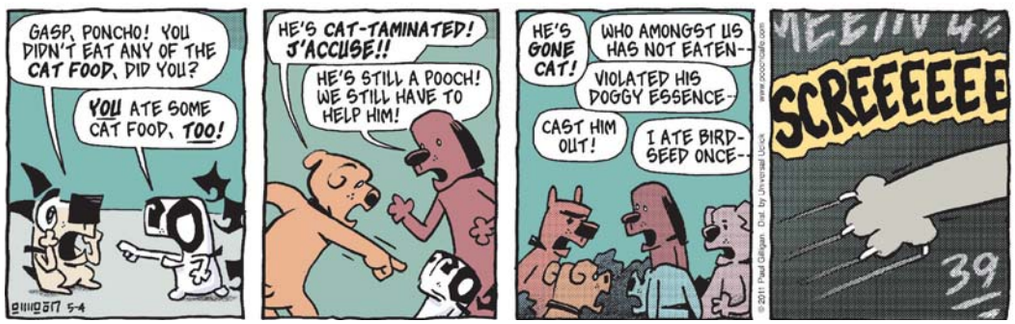

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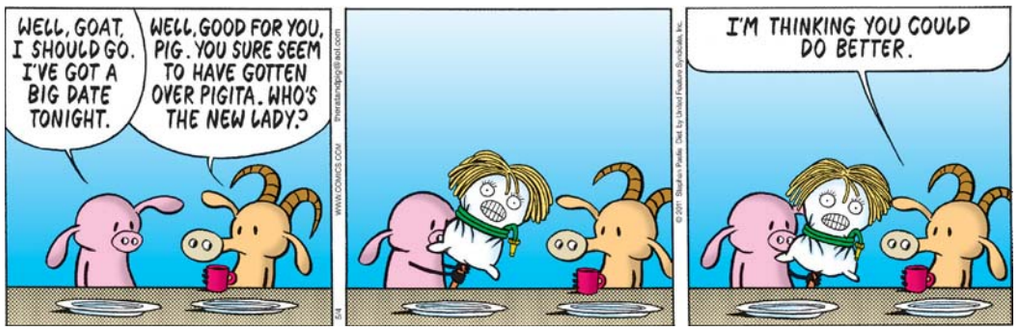

Forecast

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Today: Breezy and cooler, a little rain this morning. Turning clear tonight.

69 | 50

Tomorrow: Sun followed by some clouds tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI	SAT	SUN
70 | 51	72 | 55	75 | 57

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:07 a.m.
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Moonrise today: 6:42 a.m.
Moonset today: 9:45 p.m.

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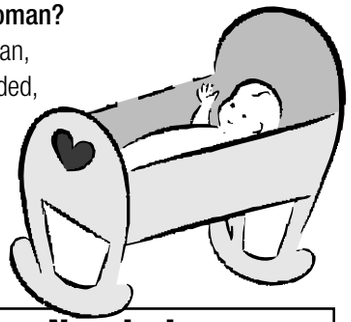

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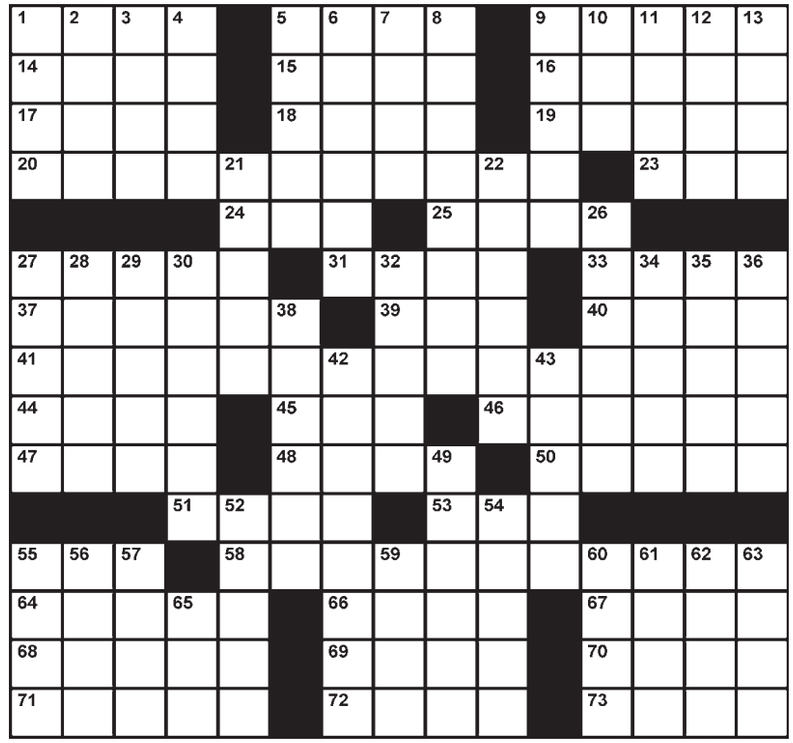

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Yesterday's Solution

Today in History

1776 Rhode Island declares its independence from Britain.

1970 National Guardsmen fire on a group of antiwar demonstrators on the Kent State University campus, killing four students, wounding eight and paralyzing another.

1977 British journalist David Frost interviews former president Richard Nixon.

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GUESS THE BLONDE

Daryl Hannah? Ellen Barkin? Sharon Stone? Reese Witherspoon 30 Years From Now?

A lawsuit over whether Nicollette Sheridan's character was unfairly written out of "Desperate Housewives" will go to trial, a judge ruled Tuesday. Sheridan sued ABC and "Housewives" creator Marc Cherry in April 2010, claiming he struck her during a fight and harassed her, sexually and otherwise. **(AP)**

HONORS

Please, World, Stop Validating These Movies

"Eclipse," the third "Twilight" film, racked up eight MTV Movie Award nominations, the network said Tuesday. Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner are up for best actress/actors. "Eclipse" is nominated for best movie, fight and kiss (twice, for both Bella-Jacob and Bella-Edward liplocks). Xavier Samuel got a nod for best breakout star. **(EXPRESS)**

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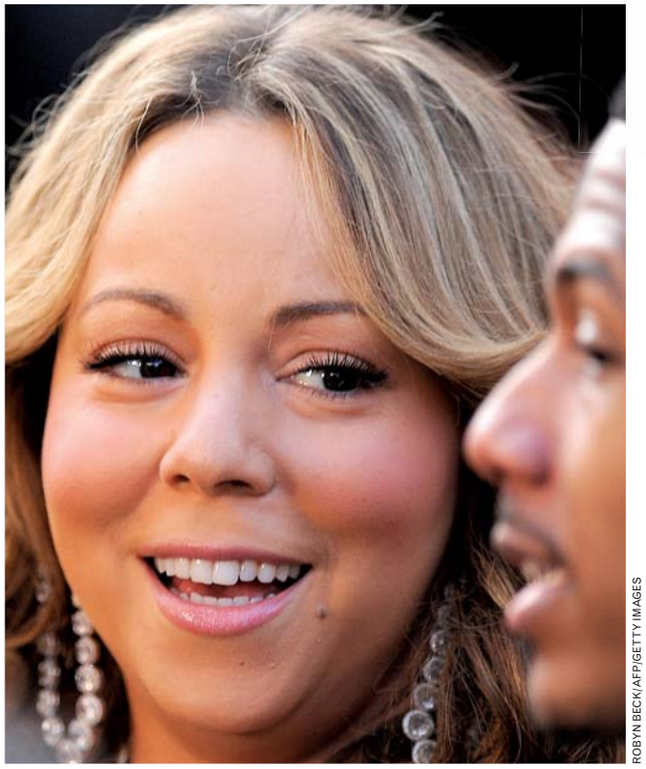
Robert couldn't bear the suspense. Would Charlie Sheen arrive or not?

Dirtbag Digest

Celebrities Sure Do Drink a Lot!

Comedian Andy Dick has been arrested in Southern California for being drunk and disorderly in a restaurant. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department says the 45-year-old actor was arrested Monday night at Marie Callender's after disturbing patrons. He was booked for public intoxication and released. **(AP)**



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"If you name my son 'Mermaid,' this marriage is over," Nick whispered.

OUR SUGGESTIONS

Manatee and Myrrh

Mariah Carey teased fans with a tweet suggesting that she and Nick Cannon will release the names of their twin babies at any moment. "So we r bout 2 reveal the actual names and b4 we tell em 2 our friends etc. I had 2 C if any of the #lambily wanted 2 guess!!!" (We surmise that "lambily" is a neologism combining "lamb" and "family.") "Both begin w/ M!!! :)" she added, leading to Internet-wide speculation that the children are named Marilyn and Monroe, or Mimi or Mermaid or Mirage. **(EXPRESS)**

PARENTING

They're Kids, Not Idiots!

LeAnn Rimes told People magazine that she and now-husband Eddie Cibrian carefully explained their wedding to Cibrian's two sons, ages 7 and 4, before it happened. "We explained that they were going to have two families," she said. According to People, the couple went to therapy to "figure out what words to use" to explain "such a big concept." **(EXPRESS)**

"I'm 18, and I'm going to fall in love. I'm going to hang out with people, and I'm going to explore myself, and I'm OK with that."

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